

U.S. stands pat on arms sale to Jordan, embassy location

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — The Reagan administration yesterday called Israel "our foremost strategic friend in the Middle East," although it conceded that differences of opinion exist over U.S. arms sales and the location of the U.S. embassy. A long review of U.S. policy in the Middle East was delivered by Vice-President George Bush at the annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). Bush, repeating many of the pro-Israel themes recently enunciated by President Ronald Reagan and other senior administration officials before Jewish audiences, stressed the improved U.S.-Israel strategic ties as confirming "America's longstanding commitment to ensure Israel's qualitative edge in armaments over any potential combination of adversaries."



Police officers and detectives after the announcement yesterday in Jerusalem of the arrest of suspects in the TNT case. From right to left: Jerusalem Police commander Rahamim Comfort, head of Southern District detective branch Shimon Tal, Southern District Police commander Yehoshua Caspi, and members of the special investigating team who worked on the case.

Police claim arrests solve 'TNT' case

By ROBERT ROSENBERG Jerusalem Post Reporter The arrest of four men suspected of being members of a mystical-religious Jewish terror organization that attacked a dozen Arab religious and private buildings has wrapped up the so-called Terror Against Terror case, the police said yesterday. But police sources said they believe there are at least three more separate and independent groups in the country responsible for three of the most serious terror attacks against non-Jews in recent years.

Beirut factions near accord

BEIRUT (AP). — Representatives of Lebanon's warring factions agreed yesterday on a military disengagement plan that a government spokesman called a "first step" toward ending the nine-year civil conflict. President Amin Gemayel chaired the session of the "higher security-political committee" to consider a plan developed by the military subcommittee. After the two-and-a-half-hour meeting, committee spokesman Mounir Oweidat told reporters.

Gur chosen to head Labour campaign

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — Knesset Member Mordechai Gur is Labour's campaign manager. This was decided yesterday after a two-hour consultation by the party leaders. Gur defeated Alignment Knesset faction chief Moshe Shalom. The choice of Gur was made at the leadership forum, which has grown from three to four and for the first time yesterday included former president Yitzhak Navon. He joined party secretary-general Haim Bar-Lev. Peres indicated last week that he preferred Gur, and Gur was also Rabin's choice. He headed Labour's municipal campaign headquarters in last November's local-election campaign. Yesterday's decision must be formally approved by the party's political bureau on Thursday.

Those three groups are responsible for the bombings of the West Bank mayors in 1980, the arson of the Jerusalem Baptist Church in 1982, and the shooting attack on the Islamic University of Hebron in which three persons were killed and dozens wounded last summer. "The investigations are under way in all three cases," a senior police source said yesterday. But he added that much of the responsibility for the investigations into the two West Bank cases falls on the General Security Services. The Baptist Church inquiry is still in the hands of the Jerusalem detective force. According to police sources, the four arrested men — two brothers, a cousin and a friend from the Ein Kerem area — were on the verge of yet another sabotage attempt against one of the mosques or churches in the Jerusalem area when they were arrested in two

Greek diplomats due for talks

Post Diplomatic Correspondent A high-level diplomatic delegation from Greece is due here tonight for talks with senior Foreign Ministry officials on political and economic issues. Nikolas Katapodis, director-general for political affairs of the Greek Foreign Ministry, and Konstantin Giorgis, director of the ministry's Asia and Africa section, will be the guests of Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche. Their visit follows Kimche's own trip to Athens last year, together with special envoy Ze'ev Sufot, which was seen at the time as a possible harbinger of improved relations. Israeli officials are cautious, but there is gratification in Jerusalem at signs of a thaw which have appeared in recent months. These have included a remark by a government spokesman in Athens in March that Greece and Israel were seeking to improve their relations. Also in March, a party of prominent Greek political and cultural figures came to Jerusalem to attend the dedication of the classics centre at the Hebrew University, funded by the Salonika Jewish community. The two countries' envoys have the status of diplomatic representatives, not ambassador plenipotentiaries. Israeli officials said the Greek delegation's talks in Jerusalem today would focus on Middle East issues and on Greek-Israeli trade. Tomorrow Katapodis and Giorgis will visit the Yad Vashem Museum and Heroes Memorial in Jerusalem and the Beth Hatefutot Museum of the Diaspora in Tel Aviv. The delegation will then go back to work in accordance with an agreement reached between the plant's management and the Ashdod Labour Council.

Savior joins Liberal leadership race

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor yesterday explained his decision to enter the race for the Liberal Party leadership by asking, "What's the matter, am I less of a Liberal than the rest of them?" No sooner had Savidor returned last night from a visit to the Netherlands, than he declared his candidacy. Already in the ring are Energy and Infrastructure Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, who forced the contest on the party, and Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, who is regarded as the main party candidate against Moda'i. Savidor further explained his move by saying he had been approached "by all faction heads" three months ago and they all just begged and pleaded with me to rehabilitate the party. Well, if I have a mandate to rehabilitate the Liberal Party, why should I not be the leader? Savidor also maintained that the pleading faction leaders "All said I have the qualifications to cure the party of what ails it. I am not at war with anybody in the party so why shouldn't I seek the leadership?" It is not known how much of a power base Savidor has in the Liberal central committee and how much support he can count on. He could turn out to be a spoiler for one of the other two, however. Neither is it certain in Liberal quarters that there will be only three candidates when the party central committee meets on April 25 to choose the leader. Although Nissim is seen as representing all the Liberal ministers who oppose Moda'i's bid — Gideon Patt, Avraham Sharir, and Sarah Doron — it is not excluded by insiders of the often unruly Liberal Party that one of Nissim's own sponsors might yet enter the fray as well. They note that Patt, who is abroad, might decide to seek the leadership when he returns.

Ministry report backs some charges by Hefetz

By ROBERT ROSENBERG Jerusalem Post Reporter An Interior Ministry report published yesterday backs out some of the charges made by Nitzav-Mishne Assaf Hefetz of police mis-handling of intelligence about a plot to bomb mosques and churches in the Jerusalem area. According to the report, prepared by police comptroller Shmuel Eitan, information transferred from Tel Aviv about a potential suspect in the case failed to reach the intelligence depot in the Southern District, apparently because of the negligence of a police inspector in Jerusalem. Eitan is a retired nitav (commander). Hefetz was suspended from his post as head of the elite Central Criminal Investigations Unit in Tel Aviv, for confirming to several reporters that there was an early intelligence report pointing to Shimon Barda as a potential suspect in cases dealing with attacks on non-Jewish institutions in the Jerusalem area. But Eitan's report — of which the section dealing with the police handling of Hefetz's suspension has been deleted since the matter is sub judice before the High Court of Justice — refutes allegations that

Wide differences as wage talks begin

By ROY ISACOVITZ Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut and representatives of the private employers yesterday began formal negotiations on new wage agreements, in particular on paying a cost-of-living increment. The negotiations are to continue today. The Histadrut negotiating team was headed by Trade Union Department chairman Yisrael Kassar, while Uzi Netanel of the Manufacturers' Association led the representatives of the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations (CBEU). Opening the talks, Kassar said that the first objective is to reach an agreement on the C-o-L increment. He said that the economic situation makes it imperative that an agreement be reached as soon as possible. The past agreement expired at the end of last month. Kassar said that it is no secret that the two sides disagree on certain substantive issues during preliminary talks. The Histadrut is demanding monthly payment of the C-o-L increment at a rate of about 90 per cent of the cost-of-living index. He emphasized that an agreement must be reached within the next two months and that it must guarantee the real value of workers' wages for the entire two years that it is in force. Netanel told The Jerusalem Post before yesterday's meeting that the CBEU opposes monthly payment of the C-o-L increment. The two sides, he said, must agree on a flexible method of payment, which would enable adjustments to be made according to the prevailing rate of inflation. When inflation is high, the increment must be paid quickly, Netanel said. But if the rate of inflation drops, payment should be made less quickly. Netanel also said that the two sides have yet to agree on the percentage of compensation to be paid. In addition to monthly payment of the C-o-L increment, the Histadrut is seeking a revision of tax brackets, and payment of grants at the same time as the increment and with reference to the prevailing rate of inflation. Netanel told The Jerusalem Post before yesterday's meeting that the CBEU opposes monthly payment of the C-o-L increment. The two sides, he said, must agree on a flexible method of payment, which would enable adjustments to be made according to the prevailing rate of inflation.

Soviets plan to boost daylight with mirrors

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Soviet scientists are working on a programme to send huge mirrors into space to reflect sunlight onto dark cities and construction sites and to boost the growth of crops, Pravda said yesterday. Giving details of a project it mentioned briefly last year, the paper said an experimental sun reflector could be in orbit within the next decade. Pravda said researchers had already sketched plans for a cost-effective space reflector system, and the Soviet Academy of Sciences and "a whole series of ministries" believe the time is now right for development of orbiting mirrors. The idea of using space-based mirrors like vast spotlights was first proposed by German scientist Herman Ober in 1929 and later developed by Herbert Kraft of the U.S., it said. In 1982, scientists at the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) published a study for a similar project, which they said was within present technical means, but no formal American programme has been launched. Pravda's article, by senior space scientists Z. Alferov and V. Kantor, said the mirrors would have to be "dozens of hectares" in area. Western space experts say an orbiting mirror system is within Soviet technical capabilities, but would probably not become a reality until the country develops a new generation of manned space stations over the next few years. Pravda said orbiting reflectors could prolong daylight in big cities, light up main transport routes and construction sites and illuminate areas of earthquakes or other natural disasters, it said.

MPs union raps Israel, but dialogue takes place

By ASHER WALLFISH Post Knesset Correspondent The parliamentarians of 102 nations took a very dim view of Israel at the conference of the Inter-parliamentary Union (IPU) in Geneva last week. But Labour Knesset Member Tamar Eshel, who headed the two-member Knesset delegation, still believes that on balance Israel's attendance was worthwhile. The conference, approved by 677 votes against 241 abstentions, an Israeli resolution describing Israel as a racist, land-grabbing country. It also lumped Israel with South Africa and lumped Zionism with colonialism and apartheid. Eshel told The Jerusalem Post that the Inter-parliamentary Union is weighted irreversibly against Israel because of its Arab, Moslem, Communist and Third World representations. Nevertheless, she said, it is the only international forum where Israeli and Arab parliamentarians sit around the same table in committees and conduct a dialogue for the record as they shape drafts and handle procedural matters. Eshel said that Arab parliamentarians quite often had informal conversations with her. "They are hostile, naturally, but they are curious to get to know us and learn about us and our positions," she said. Because of the vagaries of Israel's party leaders, Eshel had only nine hours' notice before flying to Geneva for the conference, while her colleague, Likud MK Ariel Weinstein, had a mere 36 hours' notice. They arrived in Geneva totally out of the blue, without background papers, and managed

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FRANKFURT	4	10	50	Cloudy
GENEVA	6	43	100	Cloudy
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HONG KONG	18	24	75	Cloudy
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Safed	63	11-20	20	11-20	20
Haifa Port	63	11-20	20	11-20	20
Tiberias	43	11-21	23	11-21	23
Nazareth	56	9-16	18	9-16	18
Afula	57	10-20	21	10-20	21
Shomron	51	9-16	18	9-16	18
Tel Aviv	59	13-20	21	13-20	21
B-G Airport	47	10-20	22	10-20	22
Jericho	32	13-25	26	13-25	26
Gaza	62	13-20	21	13-20	21
Beerseba	34	11-21	23	11-21	23
Eilat	22	15-26	28	15-26	28

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Japanese Ambassador Shozo Kadota yesterday called on Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sherman, from England, for the dedication of the Marjorie and Archie Sherman outpatient clinic, to be held today at the Assaf Harofeh Medical Centre, Zrifin.



Art curator Sandberg dies in Holland at 86

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Willem Sandberg, former director of Amsterdam's Stedelijk Museum and a long-time adviser to the Israel Museum, died on Sunday in Amsterdam, a museum spokesman in Jerusalem announced yesterday. Sandberg was 86.
Sandberg was known as a "righteous Gentile" for his role in saving Jews during the Holocaust. He turned the Stedelijk Museum into a shrine of contemporary art after World War II. Sandberg was also one of the major figures in modern typography.

Hawateh in Poland

Post Defence Reporter
Naif Hawateh, whose Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine took responsibility for last Monday's terrorist attack in Jerusalem, is visiting Poland in an effort to strengthen ties between the PLO and Warsaw.
Several months ago Farouk Kadumi, a member of the PLO's executive, visited Warsaw and met the Polish Foreign Minister.

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District, characterized the group as "self-taught" religious Jews. Jerusalem District commander Tattizav Rahamin Comfort, whose detectives Moshe Ariel and Yuval Nahari conducted the preliminary investigation before Southern District detective Shimon Tal took over for the arrests, said that the group are "fanatic religious Jews who acted against those who disagreed with them."

Among other things, they are suspected of planting grenades at three Christian sites on Mt. Zion, planting four grenades in the village of Husan in Judea — one of which was uncovered and neutralized only yesterday; a grenade attack on a church in Azariya near Jerusalem in which a nun was wounded; a grenade attempt in Beit Safafa; and the attempted murder with a grenade of a nun at the Gorney White Russian Orthodox convent in Ein Kerem. All these acts occurred over the past several months.

The police yesterday emphasized that there was "absolutely no connection" between the group arrested for the grenade attempts and the religious group arrested previously in the Mei Nefotah (Lift) area of Jerusalem for their sabotage attempt on the Temple Mount's Dome of the Rock.

HOME NEWS

Five East Jerusalemites denied entry to Egypt

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israeli and Egyptian border-control officers came under attack yesterday for alleged discourtesy towards Israeli Arabs. The charge was levelled by the Jerusalem Labour Council.

According to council spokesman Haim Maman, the incident occurred 10 days ago, when 17 members of the council's Jewish-Arab Circle arrived at the border-crossing point at Rafah on their way to Cairo. The group included 10 Jews and seven Arabs, and was headed by Shlomo Shoshani, director of the Labour Council's Department for East Jerusalem.

Several weeks before the group's departure, Maman told *The Jerusalem Post*. Shoshani contacted the Egyptian embassy and was assured that if the Arab members from East Jerusalem carry Jordanian passports they will need no visas to enter Egypt.

When the group reached Rafah, one of the Arabs was told by the Israeli officer that he could not proceed because he did not have his Israeli identity card with him — despite protestations from Shoshani that their travel agent, Histour, had explained to them that an ID card is unnecessary if a passport is shown.

Shoshani thereupon offered to phone Jerusalem and arrange for the man's ID card to be brought to a Jerusalem police station. But this offer was rejected and the man was turned back.

When the remaining 16 travellers reached the Egyptian side of the crossing, they were informed that only the 10 Jews and two of the Arabs, both Christians, could enter the country. The four Moslems were not permitted to cross over "because they lacked visas," the Egyptian officers said.

According to Shoshani, the Egyptian border officers "behaved even worse than the Israeli officers, and assigned two soldiers to escort the four Moslems back to the Israeli side, with the soldiers shouting in Arabic 'Bara! Bara!' (Get out of here!)"

The group — now reduced to 12 — proceeded with its scheduled tour and has returned. But Shoshani has not only lodged complaints with the Israeli Police and the Egyptian embassy, but is also seeking a refund from Histour for the aborted trip of the five Arabs — or new tickets with a guarantee of unhindered passage.

The police spokesman was unavailable last night. At the Egyptian embassy, a representative told *The Post* that the paper's query was the first news of the incident that had reached the embassy.

Eisenberg and Clal groups discuss Ata-Kitan merger

By PINHAS LANDAU

TEL AVIV. — The Eisenberg group has been holding talks with Clal Industries for some months regarding a possible merger between the troubled Ata textile concern and Clal's Kitan subsidiary. *The Jerusalem Post* has learned from sources in both groups.

Nevertheless, a highly placed Clal official told *The Post* that, "If you find us a buyer we would certainly be willing" to talk about a possible sale of Kitan itself.

This contrasts with the blanket denial issued by Michael Albin, the spokesman for the Eisenberg group, in response to reports that all the group's companies in Israel, except the Maritime Bank and the recently acquired Israel Corporation, had been offered for sale to Clal. He described the reports as "baseless" and "a figment of the imagination."

Analysts consider a possible merger, or even a joint marketing agreement, between the two textile companies would be a positive development for both of them. Ata — with its subsidiary, Teta — has a strong position in the local market and Kitan has built up its export sales.

Kitan is regarded as in "reasonable" financial shape, certainly when compared to Ata, which recently underwent a major crisis and was on the verge of closing. Only the agreement of the government to participate in a rescue package to the tune of \$2 million, with the Eisenberg group contributing another \$6m., staved off this threat.

Neither the Clal nor the Eisenberg officials spoken to were optimistic about a successful conclusion to the ongoing talks regarding Ata and Kitan.

South Lebanese commander says all factions support him

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

MARJAYOUN. — Shi'ite and Druze leaders in South Lebanon do not oppose General Antoine Lahad's commanding the South Lebanese Army (SLA). Lahad said here yesterday. He said he was making that statement on the basis of his recent talks with Shi'ite and Druze leaders in the area.

"I came to Southern Lebanon as a result of a mission that I set for myself: to bring peace and security to the region so that Southern Lebanon and the State of Israel can live together in a neighbourly fashion and with good relations," Lahad said at his headquarters here.

"Every week numerous soldiers are joining the SLA. We train them to the necessary level and then send them to all the units in Southern Lebanon," Lahad said.

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Bush raps Mondale, Hart for ignoring Jackson's 'Hymies'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Vice-President George Bush clearly tried to score some political points yesterday when he lashed out at Democratic presidential candidates Walter Mondale and Gary Hart for their general silence in the face of anti-Semitic statements made by a prominent Black Muslim supporter of rival candidate Jesse Jackson.

Bush was speaking to more than 1,000 delegates attending the annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

He was referring to Louis Farrakhan's recent spate of anti-Semitic statements and his death threats against a black Washington Post reporter, Milton Coleman, who originally disclosed Jackson's characterization of Jews as "Hymies" and New York City as "Hymietown."

"I've been keeping quiet about improvement in U.S.-Israel relations since the start of the Reagan administration. He contrasted this closer U.S.-Israeli alliance to the strains of the Carter administration."

He continued: "Anti-Semitism, wherever it appears, is a disgusting disease — but particularly when it appears in our country, where its presence defiles our most sacred traditions and institutions."

He lashed out against Jackson's refusal to totally dissociate himself from the Black Muslim leader. "But as shocking as I find Rev. Jackson's behaviour, I also cannot understand why Walter Mondale and Gary Hart have not continued to speak out loudly and clearly against this."

Jackson, who yesterday refused to break with supporter Farrakhan, said that "I dissociate myself from the statement... (but) I have no ability to muzzle anyone."

Bush also condemned Syria, which he charged was "bent on dominating the region."

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He spoke of "America's new mood of assuredness" and its impact on Israel. Specifically, he cited "the confidence to acknowledge Israel as a strategic ally, the confidence to strengthen our military

and financial assistance to Israel, the confidence to give unprecedented attention to strengthening the Israeli economy."

"More, perhaps, than any other country, Israel has benefited directly from the new confidence, the new mood of assuredness that has come to American foreign policy in the last four years."

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Katyusha fragments found in Jordan Valley kibbutz

TEL KATZIR (Itim). — The remains of a 107-mm. Katyusha rocket were found in the orchards of this Jordan Valley kibbutz on Sunday night.

An investigation by the security forces determined that the rocket, fired last Monday, was launched from somewhere along the Syria-Jordan border.

Members of the kibbutz reported hearing a loud explosion on Monday, and soldiers at an Israel Defence Forces observation post reported seeing flashes. But at first it was thought it was the Jordanians shooting at the Syrians.

Egypt to get new air-defence system

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egypt will take delivery of a sophisticated air-defence system including U.S. Sparrow low-level ground-to-air missiles by the end of the year, Air Defence Chief Lieutenant-General Al-Sayed Hamdi said yesterday.

He told reporters that the system, named "Sky Guard," would be supplied by Italian and U.S. manufacturers and is intended for use against low-flying intruders.

Hamdi added Egypt would also take delivery of a number of U.S.-built pilotless drones for surveillance purposes.

Bomb misses IDF unit

SIDON (Itim). — A remote-controlled bomb exploded yesterday morning as an Israel Defence Forces patrol passed the Zaharani junction near here. There were no casualties.

EXERCISE. — A callup exercise is to be held soon to test mobilization of reservists, the Israel Defence Forces spokesman said yesterday.

Kol Yisrael and Galei Tzahal will broadcast code-words as a signal for reservists to report at pre-arranged points.

MINISTRY REPORT

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Eitan calls for a "speeding up" of the computerization of intelligence material. *The Jerusalem Post* has reported that the effort to bring about such computerization in the Jerusalem District Police has already taken more than six months and only about one third of 100,000 separate items have been filed in the computer.

Eitan also recommends a review of how intelligence information is transferred throughout the national system. He says in his report that even while negligent, inspector Zvi Haramati was not acting against the rules when he failed to put the information on Barza into the main intelligence pool. Eitan calls for a review of those regulations and "increased vigilance" to make sure they are obeyed.

Because the High Court of Justice is considering an appeal by Hefetz for his immediate reinstatement, no comment is publishable about his suspension. Eitan, however, notes that the matter is also in the hands of the attorney-general, who has already stated that Hefetz should not be put on criminal trial, as the police originally recommended.

While skirting the Hefetz matter, Eitan ends his report by commenting on the problem of press leaks from the force, saying that "severe measures" should be taken against officers who leak to the press. "Intensive ongoing efforts" should be made, Eitan writes in his report to Interior Minister Yosef Burg, "to explain to officers at all levels" the severity of the matter.

Strongly implying that Hefetz was not the man who leaked the original report on the mishandling of the intelligence, Eitan recommends further investigation by the police to find the source of the original leak.

In senior police echelons, the Eitan report was greeted with satisfaction. Some, however, are interpreting it as a blow to Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Arie Ivztan, since in part the report backs up Hefetz's allegations about a breakdown in intelligence reporting.

But in general, police sources in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv said that the report makes clear that the alleged "order from above" and breakdown of information flow resulted from a technical problem combined with human error rather than a deliberate policy or laxity on the part of the police.



Free cans of Budweiser and this parade greeted passersby yesterday in Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Circle, as the U.S. beermaker announced that local production of the brew would begin shortly after Pesach. (Simionsky, Israel Sun)

Committee to attempt to heal national-religious camp rifts

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A committee has been set up to try to unite the National Religious camp by Pesach, but political observers are pessimistic about its chances of success.

The committee will try to weld a single party from the warring National Religious Party factions, the Gush Emunim following led by former Tehiya Knesset Member Hanan Port and MK Haim Druckman's Maizad Party.

The committee was the sole result of a round-table conference yesterday at which Hakibbutz Hadati, the NRP kibbutz movement, tried to bring the warring elements together.

So far all attempts to unite these groups have failed. Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapiro has been trying in vain to bring the sides together.

The main stumbling-block ap-

pears to be the insistence of the Porat-Druckman side that the new party not be led by the current heads of the NRP. Thus they do not want Dr. Yosef Burg to head the list and they do not want Education and Culture Minister Ze'evulun Hammer high on the list either.

If the committee fails, the religious Zionist camp can be expected to field at least two separate lists. The old NRP with Burg and Hammer at the helm might run again as one despite its rift.

On the other side are Porat and Druckman, who are forming a new party, Orot, which they vow will participate in these elections whether the NRP wants to join forces with them or not.

Orot is negotiating with Poalei Agudat Yisrael and it is likely that the two will form a single bloc. In the 1981 elections, Poalei Agudat failed to win Knesset representation.

Sharon: Nomination prospects gloomy

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon last night conceded that his chances of winning his party's nomination for the premiership were poor.

"It is difficult, very difficult," he said at the Ramada-Continental Hotel's Yekef Club.

Sharon said his chances would have been better if Deputy Prime Minister David Levy had stayed in the race, because the votes would then have split three ways. Yet he decided not to drop his own challenge to Yitzhak Shamir because he wants to demonstrate that he has power in the party.

Sharon said he wholeheartedly supported the cabinet's decision on Sunday to permit an Israeli with security clearance to read the secret annex to the Kahan Commission Report (on the massacre in Sabra and Shatila) to determine whether there is any basis to *Time* magazine's contention that he had encouraged the Phalangists to kill the Palestinians there. "It was my recommendation," he said. He added that he believed a Supreme Court Justice would be asked to undertake the task.

But he was critical of the ministers for turning down his request to release to the U.S. court three other secret documents, including one that deals with his meeting with the Jemayels in Bikfaya following the murder of Bashir, the Lebanese president-elect. Those documents prove his case, he said.

MPS UNION

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to make the best of a badly planned job.

Weinstein, who unlike Ebel was attending an IPU meeting for the first time, told *The Post* that the conference had value comparable to "a huge international cocktail party where you go to meet and influence people, make political connections, and mix with the world's future statesmen."

Weinstein cited several instances in which delegates with whom he

cannot expect political legitimization at such gatherings, but we must show these people that nobody will condemn us to us and nobody will make us feel apologetic for existing and flourishing as a state.

"I told the Kuwaiti delegate in the drafting committee that he could call Israel 'the Zionist entity' as long as he liked but it would not make Israel any less significant on the Middle East map."

The former Clerk of the Knesset, Netanel Lorch, one of the country's

ferences, but we must have to attend," she told *The Post*. "Israel (Israel had generated a sympathetic reaction in Israel's favour."

The Board and the Staff of the Israel Museum, Jerusalem

mourn the passing of

Dr. WILLEM SANDBERG

the first Art Advisor of the Museum.

American Mizrahi Women offers condolences to the family of

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The English Department and The Institute for Languages, Literature and Arts of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem extend deepest sympathy to their colleague Dr. Lois Bar-Yaacov on the passing of her husband

NATHAN

HOME NEWS

'Fuad': elections in areas would only aid PLO

By SHMUEL MITTELMAN
Municipal elections in Judea and Samaria now would only give the PLO a chance to score political gains against Israel, the former coordinator of activities in the areas, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, "Fuad", says in an affidavit to the High Court of Justice.
The affidavit was presented by the state's attorney recently in the petition case of several former members of the Dura village council in Judea. The former councilmen asked the High Court in February to order the civil administration to hold municipal elections in that village, and by implication in the rest of Judea and Samaria.
In their petition, the ex-councilmen, who were dismissed by the civil administration when they refused to cooperate with it in 1981, said that they were dismissed illegally and that the appointed council which they were replaced is being continued in office in violation of Jordanian law.
The petitioners said that the authorities are refusing to hold new elections in Dura and elsewhere in the West Bank because they are

afraid that persons and groups close to the authorities would not be elected.
The state attorney earlier responded to the petition by arguing that international law does not require elections to be held in occupied territories. However, Israel permitted elections in Judea and Samaria in 1972 and 1976, and found, especially in 1976, that they only served the purposes of terrorist organizations.
The dismissal of various mayors and councilors for security reasons, the state attorney said, was legally valid, and was carried out on the basis of Orders 830 and 1049 of the civil administration. According to these orders, he said, elected officials may be dismissed at any time and replaced by appointees for as long as the authorities think necessary, regardless of Jordanian law.
The High Court then issued an order nisi requiring the defence minister to show cause why Orders 830 and 1049 should not be revoked, and elections held according to Jordanian law.
It was in response to this order that the state attorney presented Ben-Eliezer's affidavit. (Itim)

Newsman is fined IS250,000 for attempt at extortion

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Journalist Yigal Laviv was yesterday given a nine months suspended sentence and fined IS250,000 by the Tel Aviv District Court for attempted extortion.
Laviv was convicted of threatening Yisraeli in the course of a feud between the two over the purchase of the magazine, *Hadashot Hamshara* (The Police News).
Laviv bought the magazine from Yisraeli, its former editor in 1980. However, most of the cheques Laviv gave Yisraeli as payment were without cover. Yisraeli then started another crime magazine to compete with Laviv's. When the two men met in May 1983, Laviv agreed to

cover the bad cheques on condition that Yisraeli cease publishing his magazine and promise not to publish another crime magazine for 20 years.
Yisraeli refused. Laviv then told him that articles in *Haaretz* and *Haolam Hazeh* alleging that Yisraeli had a criminal record had been leaked by Laviv. He threatened Yisraeli that if he did not stop publishing, he would spread more such stories.
The prosecutor asked the district court for a prison sentence against Laviv. But the judge, after saying that journalists should not use their profession for personal gain, fined Laviv and gave him the suspended sentence.

8-year-old Acre girl kidnapped, raped

By YOEL DAR
ACRE. — An eight-year-old girl was kidnapped, beaten and raped, the Galilee District Police reported yesterday. A 30-year-old neighbour and friend of the family has been arrested and will be brought to the magistrates' court today for remand.
After the attack, the girl was operated on at the Nahariya hospital. Her condition was described as stable.
On Sunday night, when the girl's parents were not at home, the alleged rapist reportedly entered her flat through a window at about 10 p.m. and forced her to leave with him. The girl's older brother, who was also at home, called the police.
The police closed off the town, and together with the Border Police and Civil Guard mounted a search for the girl in Acre and Western Galilee. The girl was found yesterday morning walking with the suspect along Acre's main street, sobbing.
The suspect is a bachelor and has been convicted in the past for sexual assault.

Man attacks mating dog, gets 10 days in jail

HAIFA (Itim). — A Kiryat Motzkin man who attacked a dog with a hatchet to stop it from mating with his bitch was sentenced yesterday to 10 days in jail and fined IS30,000.
The man, Reuven Meri, 28, was convicted of attacking and mortally wounding the dog last October. While working in his garden, he noticed that his bitch, which was in heat, was coupling with a dog that had been seen near the house for several days.
When he failed to separate the coupling dogs, Meri took a hatchet and struck the male dog on its head. Then, said Meri, "The dog remained attached to the bitch, so I was forced to wound it with the hatchet in its sexual organ."
Meri testified that after the dogs

separated, he struck the wounded dog again in the head, "to prevent it from suffering." He took the dog to the town dump, where it was found dying by its owners two days later. "I didn't mean to kill the dog," said Meri, "I love dogs and animals."
40 Rogosin workers back on the job as strike ends
ASHDOD (Itim). — Forty employees of the Rogosin textile factory here returned to work yesterday morning, ending a strike of more than three months. They went back to work in accordance with an agreement reached between the plant's management and the Ashdod Labour Council.

Pessah meal 8.39% dearer in real terms

By MARTHA MEISELS
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Holiday meals this Pessah will cost 8.39 per cent more in real terms than last year, according to figures released yesterday by economists at the Histadrut's Consumer Protection Authority.
Its sample meals for a family of five for Seder night and the following noon would cost IS5,814 this year, compared with IS1,630 a year ago. This is a rise of 252.36 per cent.
The cost-of-living index, on the other hand, rose only 22.7 per cent in that period, the Authority spokesman reported.
The Authority's survey was done in one of the chain stores in the same branch this year as last. The Pessah grocery basket included meats, dry foodstuffs, fruits, vegetables, eggs, soft drinks, hot beverages, wines and sweets.

Acre man gets year in jail for molesting tourist

HAIFA (Itim). — An Acre man was yesterday sentenced to a year in prison, plus 18 months suspended for three years, for sexually attacking a woman tourist from Switzerland this January.
The man, Ismail Hani, 25, was convicted by Haifa District Court Judge Haim Pizam after he admitted to the charges.
On a night in late January, Hani was asked by the tourist to help her find a restaurant and a youth hostel in Acre. He agreed and guided her on what he told her was a shortcut through the Moslem cemetery at the entrance to the town.
In the cemetery Hani molested her and, when she fought back, punched her in the face. She continued to struggle and drew a pocket knife, with which she stabbed him. She then escaped.

Teachers unions raise strike threat

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Teachers Union will resist further budget cuts by the Education and Culture Ministry, even to the extent of preventing the schools from reopening in September, Yitzhak Weiser, who is expected to be elected secretary-general of the union next month, said yesterday. He is the Alignment's candidate to succeed Yehoshua Karni.
The independent Secondary School Teachers Association announced yesterday that it will begin its own fight after Pessah, against plans to cut an hour a week of instruction in academic subjects and an hour of practical work in vocational and technological education. It said its measures could include a strike this term.

Gas delivery strike in second week

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The gas deliverers' strike enters its second week today with no sign of progress in the negotiations to end the dispute.
There is fear that if no settlement is reached today, many households may be left without cooking gas for the holiday.
Energy and Infrastructure Ministry Director-General Uriel Lynn is scheduled to meet with gas company officials today to try to resolve the dispute.
The agents halted deliveries throughout the country, excluding the three major cities, in a dispute over the credit terms granted them by the gas producers.

Court commits man who murdered wife, daughter

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The district court yesterday ordered a man committed to a mental hospital after determining that he had killed his wife and daughter, but had not been responsible for his actions.
The man, 50, beat his wife and three-year-old daughter to death with a club in March 1983. He had suspected his wife of adultery and was convinced that the daughter was not his.
Judges Shmuel Kwart, Ya'acov Kedmi and Edna Shatzky accepted the findings of psychiatric examination of the man by doctors at Abravanel Hospital in Bat Yam that he is a schizophrenic and was in a psychotic state when he performed the double murder.

SAFAD. — Five tons of clothing collected by the American Association for Ethiopian Jews (AAEJ) in the U.S. were distributed this week in Safad to Ethiopian Jews recently settled in northern Israel.
Yael Rom, co-chairwoman of the Public Committee for Ethiopian Jews, and Murray Greenfield, Israeli representative of the AAEJ, conducted the distribution.

Histadrut may soon forge links with Solidarity

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Formal links may soon be established between the Histadrut and the Polish underground trade union movement Solidarity, Histadrut sources said yesterday. One possibility being examined is the visit of a Solidarity delegation to Israel.
A leading Solidarity representative in the West is in Israel in his private capacity as a delegate to an international symposium on Participatory Development through Cooperative Interaction. The symposium, organized by the International Research Centre on Rural Cooperative Communities, is being held at the Histadrut's Afro-Asian Institute here.
Marek Garztecki, head of the Solidarity information office in London, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he is participating in the symposium with the knowledge of the Solidarity leadership in Poland. He said that Solidarity has much to learn from the Histadrut experience of worker participation in management.
Histadrut and Solidarity members already

maintain contact through the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions in Brussels, Garztecki said.
Solidarity, Garztecki said, is still strong and vital, though the days of mass demonstrations are over. Solidarity was always strongest on the shop-floor level and is prepared to spend years in the underground, he said.
He said that Solidarity has well over one million dues-paying members and 20,000 active organizers. The underground produces more than 400 newspapers and holds discussions and cultural events, such as poetry readings.
In order to "counteract the regime's subtle campaign of anti-Semitism," Solidarity organizes discussion groups on the role of Jews in Polish society, Garztecki said.
Another participant in the conference is Lord Oram, a former member of British cabinets under Labour prime ministers Harold Wilson and James Callaghan, and today a member of the House of Lords and of the Labour shadow cabinet. He is a front-bench spokesman on Third

World affairs and is involved in the international cooperative movement.
Oram, who will deliver a paper on cooperatives in China at the symposium, told *The Post* that he was involved in an exchange in the House of Lords last week on the subject of a possible visit to Israel by Queen Elizabeth.
When a Foreign Office representative answered a question on the queen's recent visit to Jordan by saying that the government tried to "keep a balance in the Middle East," Oram asked whether the government would recommend that the queen visit Israel "in the interests of balance." The reply was non-committal, Oram said.
He believes that the official line will be to "welcome" an invitation for the queen to visit Israel, but that the actual visit "may take a very long time" in coming.
Some 40 delegates from 20 countries are participating in the conference, which is dealing with worker participation in management and the role of cooperation in the communities. The conference will last until the end of the week.



The Electric Corporation has ordered 1,500 metres of these 2.6 metre diameter steel pipes from the Kadman works in the Druse village of Yirka at a cost of \$3.5 million. They will serve the cooling system in the new Ashkelon power station.

IS2b. more in savings plans

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter
The public deposited IS2 billion in savings schemes during the first week of this month, the Finance Ministry announced yesterday.
The ministry added that this figure was much larger than it had been in recent weeks. During the first week of March, for example, the public deposited IS800 million in savings schemes. During February's first week it deposited IS400m.
The Treasury does not usually publish weekly figures for sums

Freij, in England, meeting officials

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — Top-level political talks are being held here this week by Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, who is in Britain for a week as a guest of the government.
On Thursday he will meet both Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe and Richard Luce, the Foreign Office minister of state with special responsibility for the Middle East.
Asked if it was not unusual for a mayor to meet such senior ministers, a Foreign Office spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that "there are no hard and fast rules."

Child allowance to go up this month

The children's allowance to be paid by the National Insurance Institute (NII) on April 13 and not on April 20 because of Pessah, is to be increased this month.
A family with one child will receive IS2,530 instead of IS1,708 in March; two-child family will get IS5,060 instead of IS3,416 last month; and a three-child family will

Man indicted, youth held for attacks

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — A local man has been indicted on charges of accusing four men in a public park and stabbing them when they refused to have sexual relations with him.
In a second case, the police arrested a 17-year-old boy on suspicion of committing sodomy on an 8-year-old boy.
The indicted man is accused of four sexually motivated stabbing attacks on three nights. On January 30 he allegedly stabbed one man in the shoulder and another man in the back after each refused his advances.
Yesterday the Beersheba Magistrates Court ordered the suspected child molester held for four days.

Castel, two prisons to be tourist sites

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The National Parks Authority has begun work on three sites — the two former British prisons in Acre and Jerusalem and remains of the mountain-top stronghold of Castel near Jerusalem, the authority announced yesterday.
The former prisons have been maintained by the Organization of Former Prisoners of Acre and Jerusalem. They were used by the British before May 1948 to hold captured members of Jewish underground movements.
The Acre prison, once the fortress of the Turkish Jezzir Pasha, became a mental hospital after the War of Independence. The authority has already demolished the struc-

tures added during that period and plans to restore it to its state prior to 1948.
Similar work was recently begun in Jerusalem at the former prison in the Russian Compound. The Authority plans to maintain the Museum of Heroism presently housed there.
Castel is on a mountain peak six kilometres west of Jerusalem, where the Palmah fought fierce battles during the War of Independence. It is the site of a ruined Roman fortress and a Crusader one. The Authority is to develop the site together with the Jewish National Fund. There is to be a lookout point, a self-guided tour of the battle areas, a picnic ground and parking.

Syrian MP buried near Majdal Shams

By YOEL DAR
Special to The Jerusalem Post
MAJDAL SHAMS. — General Nureddin Kanj Abu Saleh, a member of the Syrian parliament, was buried yesterday on the Syrian side of the Golan Heights, not far from his native Majdal Shams. The burial followed Israel's refusal to permit his family to bury him in Israeli territory.
The Syrian authorities turned the funeral ceremony into a demonstration against Israel. Five hundred Syrian dignitaries, including former chief of staff Abdul Karim Zaher e-Din, promised to "redeem the Golan with [our] blood" soon.
The Syrians spoke through loudspeakers, but it was difficult to follow them due to bad weather. Abu Saleh was killed in a traffic accident on Saturday. He was the military commander of the northern

district of Syria in the 1970s. Five years ago he retired and was elected a member of parliament. He was 55 when he died.

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Post Sports Staff
Bouyant after their splendid 3-0 victory over the powerful Eire team last week, Israel's leading footballers flew off to Bucharest yesterday for tomorrow's friendly international against Romania.

Absent, however, was star midfielder Uri Malmilian who is suffering from a recurrent leg injury. Captain Avi Cohen may also not be fit enough to take the pitch in what should be a toughly fought match. It will be played in the regional city of Oradea on Romania's north-west border with Hungary.

Moscow Tel Aviv were halfway through the January at all. They fear he may play when not fully fit and put himself at risk for the important State Cup quarter final match on Saturday.

Another squad soon to go on travels is the National Basketball team who will play a series of warm-ups in Spain later this month as their final competitive preparation for the crucial pre-Olympic qualifying tournament which starts in France on May 15. When the squad assembled for their first practice this week after the conclusion of the local season, Mickey Berkowitz was named as the new captain, replacing Lou Silver.

Richards, Richardson in run riot

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua (AP).— Antiguans Vivian Richards and Richie Richardson treated their jubilant home crowd of 9,000 to a dazzling exhibition of batting on the second and third days of the fourth cricket Test against Australia, both scoring centuries in a dazzling third wicket partnership of 308 which put the West Indians in a commanding position.

When Richards was finally dismissed mid-morning yesterday for a stunning 178 off just 249 balls, their stand was the highest for any wicket in W.I.v Australia Tests. At lunch his young compatriot, now just 22 and playing only his sixth Test, was unbeaten on 144.

Australia, already one down in the series, had been bowled out for 262.

Sox in doldrums

NEW YORK (AP).— As the American baseball season gathers steam not only were the White Sox swept in three games by the surging Detroit Tigers this weekend, they were victimized by a no-hitter on Saturday, then dropped a 7-3 decision in a desultory effort on Sunday.

The victory was the fifth straight for the Tigers, the AL's only unbeaten team in which the defending world champions, the Baltimore Orioles and the Milwaukee Brewers haven't yet been able to register a single victory. The Orioles extended their losing streak to four with a 7-3 loss to Minnesota, while the Brewers dropped to 0-5 after a 5-4 defeat by Seattle.

Elsewhere, the New York Yankees trounced the Texas Rangers 4-3 in 13 innings; the Kansas City Royals edged the Cleveland Indians 5-4; the Oakland A's rolled past the Boston Red Sox 14-2 and the California Angels trounced the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3.

In the National League, the Mets and Padres top their respective divisions, both with 4-1 records. Sunday's results: Atlanta 6, Montreal 12; Cincinnati 8, Philadelphia 7 (11 innings); Pittsburgh 5, Los Angeles 3; St. Louis 9, San Francisco 3; Chicago 8, San Diego 5 (10 innings); New York 3, Houston 1.

BASKETBALL: The Los Angeles Lakers led injured Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and James Worthy at home, although the Portland Trail Blazers didn't notice much difference. James Worthy scored a career-high 37 points as the Lakers beat Portland 118-113 to clinch their third straight Pacific Division NBA championship. The Lakers' victory was their 11th in 12 games. Philadelphia edged New York 109-108, Boston downed Chicago 117-107, Seattle topped Houston 128-107, New Jersey routed Cleveland 124-97 and Phoenix defeated Denver 126-121.

MOTOR RACING: The McLaren Grand Prix cars powered by Top-Forsche engines have set the pace at the start of the 1984 world championship season. France's Alain Prost was the Brazilian season opening race and his team leader Nigel Mansell of Britain was the weekend's South African event at Kyalami with Prost second.

WORLD NEWS

Chernenko pessimistic on arms pact with U.S.

MOSCOW (AP).— Soviet leader Konstantin Chernenko has painted a grim picture of U.S.-Soviet relations and prospects for arms-control agreements that appears to scotch any U.S. hopes of a superpower rapprochement in election year.

In answers published in yesterday's edition of the Communist party newspaper Pravda, Chernenko said recent "contacts" with the Americans gave no indication the two countries can undo their deadlock on arms control.

Despite recent peaceful overtures, Washington has not changed its policy at all and still seeks military superiority over the Soviet Union, Chernenko said.

A Western diplomat, commenting on Chernenko's statements, said he saw them as an attempt to defend the Soviet Union primarily to the American public.

"I think it was very defensive, in the sense that they are sensitive to President (Ronald) Reagan's argument that the Soviets are the ones who are refusing to talk," said the diplomat, who spoke on the condition that he not be further identified.

"I see this as an attempt to deal with that by emphasizing the old 'words versus deeds' message," he said. "They are also emphasizing those elements of arms control that the president may be most vulnerable on in terms of U.S. public reception, like nuclear testing, banning weapons from space and chemical weapons."

"There are those in the United States who think the administration's position in these areas is not good, and so this (Chernenko's statement) is directed toward American audiences."

Asked whether he accepted a statement by Chernenko that the Soviet Union's positions are unrelated to the U.S. presidential campaign, the diplomat said: "I think it is no accident he said that. They are concerned that they might be criticized as playing election politics."

"They are in a mood now when they are not going to give any hint of willingness to do business on these issues with the administration," he said.

In Washington White House spokesman Larry Speakes said yesterday the Reagan administration was "disappointed with the tone" of Chernenko's comments. But Speakes said President Ronald Reagan "hopes for a climate in which we can solve problems across the spectrum of U.S.-Soviet relations."

The Central Committee of the Soviet Communist party is expected to meet today for a plenary session that could indicate the extent of Chernenko's power base, Western diplomats said yesterday.

"They said the party plenum would last one day and was officially to prepare the ground for the inaugural session of a new Soviet parliament (Supreme Soviet), due to start tomorrow and expected to last for two days. (AP, Reuter)

More Pershings deployed

FRANKFURT (AP).— The U.S. Army has deployed a second battery of Pershing 2 nuclear missiles in the German Federal Republic, raising to 18 the number ready for combat, a well-informed source said yesterday.

The weapons became operational as millions of Europeans began preparing for traditional Easter peace marches and anti-missile rallies.

The source said nine medium-range missiles became "fire ready" in recent days at the U.S. Army base at Mutlangen in southern Germany. Mutlangen is one of three sites where 108 of the weapons are to be deployed over the next three years.

U.S. Army and Federal German government officials refused to confirm or deny the reports.

A small group of anti-nuclear protesters has camped out near the base, 50 kilometres east of Stuttgart, since last summer. They have repeatedly attempted to block military convoys and police have routinely dragged them off the road.

Thousands of anti-missile demonstrators are expected to converge on Mutlangen during nationwide Easter marches this year.

Western Europe's first battery of nine Pershing 2s became "combat-ready" December 31 at Mutlangen, meaning they could be launched at Soviet targets if the order is given.

Nato began deploying 108 Pershing 2s and 484 cruise missiles in five West European countries after arms talks between the U.S. and the Soviet Union failed last year.

Nato officials say deployment can be halted or reversed if there is an arms agreement with the Soviets.

Sikh terrorists bomb shrines

NEW DELHI.— One person was killed and three were wounded early yesterday in Sikh terrorist bomb attacks on two Hindu shrines in northern India.

A Hindu priest was shot and wounded by two terrorists near Batala in violence-torn Punjab state, the police said. The assailants escaped.

Sikh extremists tossed a home-made bomb into a Hindu temple in Bhatinda, 250 kilometres northwest of the Indian capital. One National Guard trooper was killed and a watchman wounded, the Associated Press was told by telephone.

The attack triggered angry Hindu protests in the remote town. A mob burned a cloth store, the United News of India reported.

Meanwhile, a policeman and a national guard trooper were wounded in another bomb blast at a Hindu temple outside Chandigarh, the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana states, police reported.

A New Delhi newspaper reported yesterday that suspected Sikh extremists tried to break into Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's residence late last month to kidnap a member of the family but fled when they were spotted by a security guard.

(AP, Reuter)

Hart needs win in Pennsylvania vote

PHILADELPHIA (Reuter).— Gary Hart badly needs to win the Pennsylvania state primary today as polls show Walter Mondale, his rival for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination, edging ahead.

The Colorado senator needs the victory to revive his faltering campaign after losing to the former vice-president in last week's New York primary and Saturday's Wisconsin caucus.

Hart says that regardless of how he fares today he will carry on until the nominating convention in July in San Francisco.

He believes he will do better after Pennsylvania, the half-way mark in the presidential primary season, as the campaign turns to western states where Hart is stronger than Mondale and uncommitted convention delegates search for a candidate strong enough to beat President Ronald Reagan in the November election.

At stake in Pennsylvania are 172 delegates to the convention, the third highest number from any state.

CHESS.— Soviet Grandmaster Gary Kasparov won the right to play for the world chess title when he secured victory over compatriot Vasily Smyslov in their championships eliminator match yesterday in Moscow.

Astronauts given 'chance' to snare Solar Max

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP).— The space shuttle Challenger's astronauts will try again today to snare the crippled Solar Max satellite with the shuttle's bionic arms, and a flight director said yesterday they have a "chance" to carry out the first satellite repair mission in space.

The satellite eluded them Sunday when free-flying spaceman George Nelson was unable to hook on to it despite repeated attempts.

"We are in good shape and anticipate a good shot at it tomorrow," flight director Jay Greene told reporters. He said the effort was given new life by a dramatic series of radio commands from earth that stopped Solar Max's wild gyrations, stabilizing it for a safe approach.

Greene raised the possibility of bringing satellite back to earth for repair, instead of fixing it in space. He said the decision will depend on how much maneuvering fuel Challenger has remaining after today's effort.

The satellite, formally known as the Solar Maximum satellite, is a sophisticated solar observatory that was launched in 1980 to study sunspots and other phenomena. Within a year after it reached orbit, a control system and electronics box failed, greatly reducing its value to science.

Commander Robert Crippen and his crew had hoped to try again to rendezvous with the satellite yesterday, but the radio commands succeeded in steadying Solar Max so well that engineers had to start spinning slowly again to enhance the chance of grabbing it.

Nicaragua takes complaints against U.S. to world court

THE HAGUE.— Nicaragua yesterday submitted a case to the International Court of Justice against the U.S. and asked the court to order an end to U.S. support of forces trying to overthrow the Nicaraguan government.

The Nicaraguan ambassador to the Netherlands said the world court has been asked to declare illegal all U.S.-sponsored "covert activities" against his country and to order an end to U.S. support of right-wing rebels in Nicaragua.

In a reference to alleged U.S. mining of Nicaraguan harbours, Ambassador Carlos Arguello Gomez said: "Our legal advisers say we have ample proof that mines were laid in Nicaraguan ports with U.S. involvement."

In its case, Nicaragua asserts that the U.S. government is training, supplying and directing military and paramilitary actions against the people and government of Nicaragua and charges that the covert attacks are part of a policy to overthrow or destabilize the government.

The U.S. said Sunday it would not recognize world court rulings on Central American disputes for the next two years.

The State Department said the U.S. suspected Nicaragua might stage "propaganda spectacles," suggesting Washington felt the Managua government might take its case to court.

U.S. newspapers have reported that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was directly involved in mining Nicaraguan harbours to disrupt trade.

The U.S. announcement that it would not accept the world court's jurisdiction came a day after U.S. congressional sources disclosed that the CIA has become directly involved in military action by supervising the mining of Nicaraguan harbours from a ship 19 kilometres off the Nicaraguan coast.

The mines, which have damaged at least seven ships in recent weeks, were laid by Latin American commandos operating in speedboats launched from a spy ship manned by CIA operatives, according to the sources, who asked not be identified. The White House declined comment. (Reuter, AP)

China rejects Vietnam's bid for talks to ease tensions

PEKING (AP).— China rejected Vietnam's offer for talks to ease border tensions yesterday, and Vietnam accused its giant neighbour of hurling "a number of infantry battalions" across the frontier in an invasion repelled by local militias.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry said nothing about the Vietnamese allegations about an invasion Friday. Those allegations have not been confirmed independently.

"The Vietnamese authorities are still stubbornly clinging to their position of aggression in Kampuchea," it said. "At the same time, they are stepping up their armed provocations along the Sino-Vietnamese border. Their posture of so-called willingness to discuss the question of reducing tensions is obviously hypocritical and wrought with ulterior motives."

The statement was a response to Vietnam's Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach's offer, made public Friday.

MINERS.— The British coal board said yesterday five more mines were working than last Friday but about three-fourths of the country's coal pits were still closed as the miners' strike entered its fifth week.

Soviet say U.S. violated Olympic charter

MOSCOW.— A new threat emerged yesterday to the Los Angeles Olympic Games when the Soviet national Olympic body called for an emergency meeting of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to discuss alleged violations of the Olympic charter by the U.S.

The Soviet committee contended there is a "board campaign against the participation of the Soviet Union" in the summer games.

But a spokesman for the IOC in Lausanne, Switzerland refused to comment on the Soviet request for an emergency meeting. The spokesman said the IOC had yet to receive a formal request for the meeting and could not comment before it did.

The Soviet Committee statement focused on complaints that have been aired in the press here over recent weeks of an alleged anti-Soviet campaign in the U.S. It said that despite a written guarantee from President Ronald Reagan, "the U.S. administration is trying to use the Olympics ahead of the presidential elections for its own blasphemous political ends."

For the first time in the Soviet news media, the statement mentioned that Moscow's choice of an Olympic athlete had been refused a visa by the State Department.

U.S. officials had earlier said that the man, Oleg Yermishkin, was denied a visa because of possible links with the KGB.

Now the Russians contend that the U.S. Embassy here was demanding a list of all participating athletes and officials for their visas and reserved the right to turn down those it considered undesirable. According to article 39 of the Olympic Charter, the Soviets noted, an athlete needs only an Olympic identity card to enter the host country.

The Soviet committee also maintained: "Open threats of physical victimization and provocative actions are being made to sportsmen and officials of the USSR and other Socialist countries. Slandorous allegations are being made to the participation of a Soviet delegation in the Olympic games would presumably threaten U.S. security."

In Panmunjom, Korea, North Korean delegates walked out of a meeting with South Korea yesterday, complaining that the South had introduced "slandorous" political charges at a session intended to discuss a joint Olympic team. After stalling out, the chief North Korean delegate demanded that South Korea retract charges against North Korea over a bombing attack on South Korea in Burma last October, and an alleged 1978 kidnapping of two South Korean film celebrities from Hong Kong. North Korea has said it had nothing to do with either case.

The two enemy countries were meeting at the truce site in the demilitarized zone to discuss forming a unified athletic team for the Olympics and other international sporting events. It was the first fact-to-face negotiation between the two rivals in nearly four years. (Reuter, AP)

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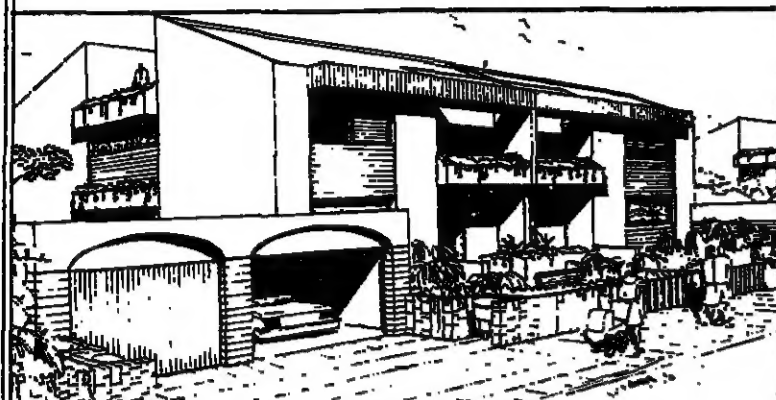
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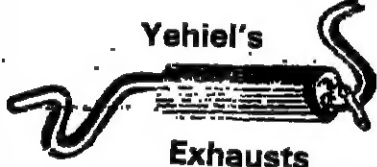
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Market mixed as slide stemmed

TEL AVIV.—Shares succeeded in stemming their recent sharp slide as a market turned mixed yesterday. Bank shares covered by the "arrangement" moved higher by margins of up to 7 per cent, and the regular bond market was mostly higher.

The dollar rose by over one per cent against the shekel. The two main features of trading in the share market were the rise in bank shares and the very low level of turnover through the list. The rise in "arrangement" shares was the main factor behind the relatively large gain recorded by the General Share Index of 4.3 per cent. The non-bank index, in fact, only rose by 1.46 per cent.

Amongst the "arrangement" banks, Leumi was the biggest gainer, rising 6.8 per cent on a volume of 1576 million. This turnover would normally be considered very low, but in yesterday's market it was far and away the biggest figure on the board.

The problem of low volumes is worth emphasizing. Total share volume was a paltry 15465m, less than 53m, and 15195m of this was in the "arrangement" banks. The Leumi volume figure given above was itself larger than the next two

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

heaviest trading sectors added together. These statistics are the most eloquent evidence of the apathy that characterizes the market at the present time.

Trading itself was a more two-sided affair than it had been for the several preceding sessions, which were marked by sharp falls. Yesterday only 22 shares couldn't be traded, and they were split between 13 "buyers only" and 8 "sellers only" situations.

Sharply swinging shares were also fairly evenly matched, with 99 issues gaining more than 5 per cent and 73 others losing a similar margin.

Even within the context of such a "restrained" performance, at least compared to recent market action, there were several massive drops. As noted yesterday, these "super-movers" of tens of percentages points in one trading session have to be preceded by two successive days of the given issue being marked "buyers" or "sellers only."

This condition had been amply fulfilled by the drops seen on Thursday and Sunday, paving the way for shares such as Kedem Chemicals to lose 27.5 per cent of its value, Elco 0.25 bearer share to get back in line with its equivalent registered share by dropping 30 per cent and Ya'ane Computers to sink by 35 per cent, all in one day.

The bond market produced no such drama, merely continuing the steady upward moves that have marked it for the past week or more. The volume in bonds surpassed that of the share market, reaching 15660m. This, too, is a low figure and again highlights the low ebb reached in share trading.

As expected, the Bank of Israel is following up last week's successful floating of a new dollar-linked bond. That 15500 m. issue was oversubscribed, and the central bank has announced a 151,500m. issue which will be offered tomorrow. This flotation will be the first in which the bank will utilize the new regulations which allow it to offer the bonds by way of open auction, with each bid accompanied by a specific price, at the buyer's initiative. This method is regularly employed by the U.S. Treasury for its bond issues.

Most active stocks	Volume	Value	% Change
Leumi stock	2657	1576.4m.	+170
Hapoelim r.	415	1841.4m.	+215
IDB reg.	6155	1524.7m.	+335

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	Prev.	Close
Bank base rate	8 1/4	8 1/4
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91-day Treasury	8 1/4	8 1/4
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Finnish mark	28.916
Canadian dollar	126.88
Australian dollar	148.58
South African rand	130.11
Belgian franc (10)	30.326
Austrian schilling (10)	38.079
Italian lire (100)	100.09
Japanese yen (100)	72.027
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Hotels, Tourism

Hotel	Volume	Value	% Change
Galei Zohar	229	22	n.c.
Galei Zohar	246	22	-40
Dar Hachaim	830	40	+42
Conrad Beach	474	398	+43
Kemah	320	10	+3
Yarden Hotel	277	135	+2
Yarden Hotel	116	240	+3
Yahalom	154	200	-22
Yahalom	291	258	-22

Computers

Company	Volume	Value	% Change
Dat	261	29	-7
Hilco	540	19	n.c.
Hilco	1080	96	-48
Ya'ane	859	96	-48
Clai Comp	424	40	-25
Clai Comp	392	10	-27
M.L.L.	1289	25	-15
M.L.L.	565	—	—
M.L.L.	402	—	—
Arzum	10	—	—
Nikav	537	10	-17
Nikav	176	78	-20
Nikav	170	120	-37
Team	1350	4	n.c.
Team	1000	22	-111

Real Estate, Building

Company	Volume	Value	% Change
Oren	227	234	+19
Avrami Prop	223	844	+13
Avrami Prop	174	308	-10
Edon	70	443	—
Edon	50	235	-12
Edon	144	420	+4
Edon	105	291	+4
Edon	205	291	+4
Edon	141	180	-17
Edon	250	13	n.c.
Edon	120	11	-6
Edon	182	11	-6
Edon	630	194	-25
Edon	225	12	-15
Edon	231	36	-12
Edon	190	36	-12
Edon	124	616	-10
Edon	99	413	-9
Edon	80	220	-1
Edon	167	353	—
Edon	220	266	-6
Edon	103	70	-3
Edon	110	89	—

Financial Institutions

Company	Volume	Value	% Change
Shilon	101	1138	n.c.
Shilon	1855	1	+155
Shilon	1394	1	n.c.
Shilon	16100	1	n.c.
Shilon	1240	46	-5
Shilon	1250	1	n.c.
Shilon	8550	1	+305
Shilon	39068	1	n.c.
Shilon	24000	1	n.c.
Shilon	22800	1	n.c.
Shilon	21889	1	n.c.
Shilon	16170	1	+27
Shilon	360	58	-13
Shilon	279	162	-13
Shilon	990	36	-70

Insurance

Company	Volume	Value	% Change
Arayeh	630	311	+46
Arayeh	374	69	-58
Arayeh	1000	20	-119
Arayeh	340	85	+27
Arayeh	761	11	-2
Arayeh	233	135	+3
Arayeh	316	23	+9
Arayeh	168	108	-3
Arayeh	479	400	+20
Arayeh	1200	3	-24
Arayeh	730	85	n.c.
Arayeh	650	35	n.c.
Arayeh	860	1	n.c.
Arayeh	336	39	+1
Arayeh	157	69	-1
Arayeh	125	35	-10
Arayeh	1320	6	-13
Arayeh	338	64	-3
Arayeh	1430	5	+130
Arayeh	237	470	+20
Arayeh	650	23	-1
Arayeh	370	17	-83
Arayeh	180	87	-15

Trade & Services

Company	Volume	Value	% Change
Meir Ezra	350	1169	-22
Meir Ezra	217	230	-66
Meir Ezra	258	66	+10
Meir Ezra	153	281	n.c.
Meir Ezra	75	338	+1
Meir Ezra	382	184	+12
Meir Ezra	520	72	+40
Meir Ezra	205	130	n.c.
Meir Ezra	1146	10	+104
Meir Ezra	125	21	+16
Meir Ezra	1765	57	+40
Meir Ezra	850	403	+37
Meir Ezra	502	34	n.c.

Services

Company	Volume	Value	% Change
Delek	2250	174	+70
Delek	740	91	+60
Delek	343	10	+16
Delek	752	94	+67
Delek	422	344	+10
Delek	16007	1607	+58
Delek	9230	12	+200
Delek	574	122	-52
Delek	391	217	+36
Delek	214	186	-21
Delek	353	187	-3
Delek	288	259	+4
Delek	240	64	n.c.
Delek	360	36	-20
Delek	133	47	-64

Textiles and Clothing

Company	Volume	Value	% Change
Ofs	176	5.01	-9
Ofs	110	315	-17
Ofs	419	4	+3
Ofs	270	10	-1
Ofs	206	—	—
Ofs	509	4	-1
Ofs	332	3	-26
Ofs	76	348	-5
Ofs	65	124	+6
Ofs	789	16	-88
Ofs	62	708	-4
Ofs	32	608	-7
Ofs	309	389	+4
Ofs	308	34	+45
Ofs	113	108	n.c.
Ofs	92	60	-7
Ofs	80	186	-5
Ofs	145	213	-9
Ofs	91	30	n.c.
Ofs	225	12	-22
Ofs	173	161	-8
Ofs	69	578	-8

Metals and Metal Products

Company	Volume	Value	% Change
Ofs	373	35	-7
Ofs	342	11	-4
Ofs	1562	18	-27
Ofs	1207	35	-110
Ofs	762	32	-4
Ofs	920	61	n.c.

Electrical Machinery

Company	Volume	Value	% Change
Ofs	341	27	-14
Ofs	171	41	-12
Ofs	300	264	-12
Ofs	279	45	-13
Ofs	183	3	-8
Ofs	106	81	-10
Ofs	220	39	-25
Ofs	307	342	-14

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The internecine factionalism that has riven this party in recent years is arcane and incomprehensible to the rest of the nation. Doctrinal differences between the groups and individuals are either entirely absent, or of no importance compared to the personal rancours and rivalries.

But what makes the Liberal Party such a remarkable phenomenon in Israeli politics is its fusion of monumental irrelevance with a seemingly unshakable grip on prime political pickings.

The looming leadership contest is an arresting illustration. No-one in the Likud, from Prime Minister Shamir down, has sought to persuade the Liberals to desist, as Mr. David Levy was pressed and importuned to desist in Herut, in the interests of unity. This is because everyone knows that Liberal unity would make precious little impact on the broad electorate, just as the display of Liberal disunity barely moves the general public.

On the contrary, perhaps, a good fight between two or three evenly matched candidates might provide some transient spectator interest for sporting onlookers who have been deprived of lusty battles in Labour and Herut.

Moreover, the vote-getting potential of the respective candidates has nowhere been invoked, by themselves or by their supporters, as reason to support one or other of them in the Liberal Central Committee. This is because everyone knows that the Liberals do not get the votes. Herut gets the votes, while the Liberals get an inordinate number of the seats in an anachronistic arrangement that seems to be surviving the passing from politics of the leaders who transacted it almost two decades ago.

The advent of early elections, the first of the post-Begin and post-Ehrlich/Rimalk era, has evoked only the most perfunctory of protests from Herut ranks over the apportioning of seats, so disproportionate to real political strength.

Granted, the question "how many seats would the Liberals win if they ran alone" is not strictly the fair test of their worth in the Likud. The more objective criterion is "how many Likud voters would refuse to vote Likud if the Liberals were not in there alongside Herut?"

But even by that criterion the Liberals seem over-liberally endowed.

Premier Shamir, however, for whom not rocking the boat is a guiding principle in political life, is plainly not the Likud leader to rectify the Herut-Liberal imbalance. And thus it is that two Liberal ministers with indifferent cabinet records and scant public popularity are vying, with the Knesset Speaker, for the second slot on the Likud list.

Mr. Nissim is a mild-mannered operative under whose stewardship at the Justice Ministry the Rule of Law in Israel has suffered serious erosion.

Mr. Moda'i, more luminous but volatile and unpredictable, has similarly not made much of a mark as a minister.

Perhaps the members of the Liberal Central Committee would do well, since they are forced to make a choice, to choose the dapper Mr. Savidor.

He at any rate, for all his posturing and rasping arrogance, has made a success of his parliamentary career.

In the distant past he dared to take an independent line on political issues. And more recently, as Speaker, he sought with vigour to protect constitutional and democratic proprieties from ominous encroachments.

Better late than never

THE CABINET deserves to be commended for devoting close to three hours of its weekly meeting on Sunday to a review of the development of the country's university system over the next five years and its current financial plight. Rarely does the cabinet set aside so much time for an intensive discussion of domestic issues not in the headlines or for consideration of long-range planning.

But the ministers were about a year too late in directing their attention to this critical issue. For it was then that the Treasury, still under Mr. Aridor, began its guerrilla warfare against the universities by holding up funds due them. The Treasury later forced the universities to make a six per cent cut in this year's budget; and at the end of last year, now with Cohen-Orad at the helm, it took another eight per cent bite out of the allocations for the next academic year.

All this occurred amidst the repeated warnings by the heads of the universities and the heads of the Council for Higher Education that such cuts would erode the standards built up in the universities through many years of hard effort. The damage done by wholesale dismissals of young faculty, unprotected by tenure, and by the cutbacks in research would take many years to repair, they asserted.

The cabinet at that time abdicated its responsibility for the long-range welfare of higher education, with some of its more zealous members, like Trade Minister Gideon Patt, making vulgar, ill-informed attacks on the resources devoted to education in the humanities.

At Sunday's meeting, the cabinet had an opportunity to clear up some misconceptions about the universities' financing and future manpower needs when it heard the review of the situation by Prof. Haim Harari, head of the Council's Planning and Grants Committee.

The decision to form a ministerial committee which is to make recommendations for guiding the future development of the country's universities gives some grounds for hope that the issue will not recede again into the realm of neglect and ignorance.

Freedom from fear

By HARRY J. LIPKIN

THE DRIVING force behind the troubles in Lebanon is fear. The Christians are afraid of the Moslems, the Palestinians and the Druse. The Druse are afraid of the Christians and the Moslems. The Shiites are afraid of the Israelis, the Palestinians and the Syrians. The Palestinians are afraid of everybody including themselves. The Israelis are afraid of the Syrians, the Palestinians and the Russians. The Syrians are afraid of the Israelis, the Americans and the Christians. Some of these fears may not be realistic, but all these fears are real. In an area with a history of massacres of one community by another, each group fears the next massacre and is unwilling to accept any compromise or make any concession that may weaken its defences. The best defence for each group is to have its own militia and be prepared to strike first.

This analysis of the situation in Lebanon gives the key to the problems of the Middle East. In World War II the Allies proclaimed that they were fighting for Four Freedoms. In the Middle East today one freedom outweighs all the others: Freedom from Fear. Until there is freedom from fear, there can be no peace, no justice and no other freedoms.

Freedom from fear is also the key to the Palestine problem. There can be no solution until both the Israelis and Palestinians have freedom from fear. The main obstacle to Israeli concessions on the Palestine problem is fear for the survival of Israel. Israelis remember their War of Independence in 1948, when the newborn State of Israel was invaded by mighty Arab armies on all sides and was almost crushed. The U.S. had supported the creation of Israel with rhetoric and a vote at the UN but then gave in to Arab pressure, placed an embargo on the shipment of arms to the tiny new state and refused to help it repel the onslaught of professionally trained Arab armies. Without Soviet arms supplied by the Czechs, the Israelis might have been annihilated.

The Russians had their own reasons for supporting Israel at that time and did not care about the survival of the Jewish State. In the 1950's the Russians turned against Israel and armed the Arabs, while Israel turned to France for aid. But after the Israelis won the 1956 and 1967 wars with French arms and Mirage aircraft, the French turned against Israel and armed the Arabs. Only then did the U.S. begin to supply Israel with sophisticated arms and aircraft.

THE ISRAELIS have seen one bitter experience after another, as their friends from the last war give in to the pressure of Arab oil and turn against them in the next war. Every sign that the Americans will follow the same route as the Russians and the French arouses fears in Israel. They have learned to fear being abandoned and tend to depend only on their own strength for survival, like all the ethnic militias in Lebanon.

An American administration that makes statements opposing Israeli settlements on the West Bank and raising the issue of the future of Jerusalem is not helping to solve the Palestine problem. It is only increasing Israeli fears for survival. Israel will see this as further evidence that the U.S. is a helpless puppet whose strings are being pulled in Saudi Arabia and who will again be useless to Israel when the chips are down and Israel's survival is really threatened, as in 1948.

Israeli settlements and the future of Jerusalem are red herrings in the present situation. They are not life-and-death issues. The real issues are the survival of the Israeli and Palestinian peoples and their right to live in their land without fear of being massacred, uprooted or left forever to be ruled by another people. In a land where massacres and senseless killing are part of everyday reality, everyone has the fear that he and his family may be the victims of the next wave of senseless killing. Establishing freedom from fear of massacres

comes before other issues.

Settlements built in haste today can be moved tomorrow, as we have seen in Sinai. Victims of massacres are dead forever. The status of Jerusalem cannot be discussed rationally before the principal fears have been allayed and the people involved feel secure that they will not be refugees or victims of massacres tomorrow. Once the fears are reduced, there are many options open for negotiating an acceptable solution for Jerusalem in a spirit of good will and compromise.

The Camp David agreement and the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty were great break-throughs in the struggle for freedom from fear. Today the Egyptian people no longer fear that the powerful Israeli arm will come marching tomorrow into Cairo and proclaim an empire from the Nile to the Euphrates. The Israeli people no longer fear that the Egyptian army will come marching tomorrow into Tel Aviv after destroying the Israeli army in a surprise attack and push all the Israelis into the sea. They may still feel uneasy about whether this is really peace, but they no longer fear a surprise attack tomorrow.

TO AN objective observer the fears on both sides may seem outlandish and ridiculous. Israel had no intentions of conquering Egypt or subjugating the Egyptian people. But to the people living in Egypt these fears were very real. To the people living in Israel the fears of an Egyptian attack were also very real, even though Israel has built up its strength since 1948, and its position is now very different. The Yom Kippur war showed that Israel's army was sufficiently strong to repel any surprise attack from Egypt. But Israelis still remember that the Egyptians had indeed tried to push Israel into the sea in 1948 and nearly succeeded.

No progress toward any settlement could be made by dismissing the fears on either side as ridiculous. An outsider can easily be convinced that these catastrophes

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obviously cannot happen, but this is not enough. The impossibility of these catastrophes must also be obvious to the people who have to live with these fears. The Camp David negotiations dealt with these fears and found solutions to allay them.

The success of the Camp David agreement and the peace treaty results from the recognition of reality and the stabilization of the peace by a realistic system of checks and balances. There is no reliance on paper guarantees, which everyone knows are worthless. Conditions are set up so that each side has much to lose and little to gain by violating the treaty. Keeping the peace is in the national interest of both sides. Peaceful construction in the sensitive areas builds investments for peace; all this will be lost if there are hostilities, no matter who wins.

As long as the provisions of the treaty are observed, neither side is in a military position to mount a massive surprise attack on the other. The enormous movement of heavy equipment across the desert necessary to cause a real threat is not possible overnight. Any violations of the treaty are noted, and if they are not properly corrected, the other side has the time and opportunity to build up its strength before real danger develops.

There are always extremists who have grandiose aims like creating an Israeli empire or pushing all the Jews into the sea. But the silent majority are not ready to make great sacrifices for these grandiose aims, as long as they are well enough off and have something to lose. In a dictatorship the extremists can seize control and force the silent majority to accept their cause. But in a democracy, where extremists cannot use force, they can influence the silent majority by playing on fears. If the silent majority is free from fear, they will not be easily influenced by the extremists.

Today Israel is ruled by a party which was democratically elected and which opposes giving up any of the territory inhabited by Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. They carry the silent majority along with this policy because of the fear that giving up territory threatens security. The main opposition party favours territorial concessions for peace. The silent majority will support the hard-liners as long as they are motivated primarily by fear.

American statements about West Bank settlements and Jerusalem ignore the crucial role of Israel's democracy and of the silent majority in determining the future of the Middle East. Such statements please the Saudis and the oil lobbies and antagonize the Israelis and American Jews. They enhance the Israeli fear of being abandoned to fight alone for survival. But this irrelevant rhetoric has no other effect on anything important in the Middle East. It only gives the people in the Middle East a clear message that the American administration is more interested in kowtowing to the Saudis than in any action to help solve the real problems. If this is the reality, all the parties in the Middle East will learn to face it and draw the appropriate conclusions. The result will not be good for the U.S.

A CONSTRUCTIVE approach to the Palestine problem is to continue in the Camp David framework and begin the talks on Palestinian autonomy, including all parties willing to join. The main aim at the beginning is only for each side to spell out its fears, so that ways can be found to deal with them. The Israelis certainly fear that any independent Palestinian state could provide a base for terrorism and military action aimed at the destruction of Israel. These fears cannot be ignored. They must be met head on, with progress toward Palestinian rights going step by step with a system of checks and balances that protect Israel's security.

The Palestinian fears must also be considered in depth. But this requires Palestinian representatives ready to state clearly what they really want and what they really fear. Propaganda statements in the war of irrelevant rhetoric may impress Americans and Europeans but lead nowhere in the solution of the real problem. Both sides must abandon the war of words aimed at influencing some external power to put pressure on the other side. Progress can come only when representatives on both sides understand the real fears of the other side and work hard to negotiate a constructive solution, which addresses these fears. Freedom from fear through checks and balances is the key to Middle East peace.

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READERS' LETTERS

THE ROSENBERG CASE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — A congressional committee is about to consider appointing a commission of inquiry into the controversial case of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg which culminated with their electrocution in June 1953. The call for the inquiry commission is based on proof of "wholly reprehensible" prosecution conduct, FBI violations and irregularities, judicial bias, unprecedented and inordinate sentences, the McCarthyism which prevailed during that Korean-war trial, and the failure of the Supreme Court to review "the case of the century."

David Twersky's review of *The Rosenberg File* in your February 3 magazine was disappointing because authors and reviewer wrongfully "found" Julius guilty. In democratic societies, defendants are presumed innocent until found guilty — in a fair trial. The authors showed the gross unfairness of the trial.

The authors' speculation about Rosenberg's guilt is just that — not proof, but anti-Communist speculation — without documentation, corroboration or circumstantial evidence. It is based largely on the belief in Rosenberg's guilt, 25 years after the executions, by two anonymous communist lawyers and several ex-party officials, none of whom had any personal knowledge of the Rosenbergs or any knowledge of their guilt or innocence. Such belief is no proof at all.

The authors' supplementary speculations were equally worthless. Sitting as trial judges, jury and prosecution attorneys, and with no defence participation or cross-examination, author-judges Ronald Radosh and Joyce Milton "found" six or more of Julius' colleagues guilty on evidence in the FBI files which the government recognized as inadequate for prosecution or even for indictment. The National Committee to

Reopen the Rosenberg Case, located at 853 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003, has prepared a detailed study and review of *The Rosenberg File*. We will be pleased to supply free copies to any concerned readers.

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Jerusalem (New York).

DAVID TWERSKY COMMENTS:

As I wrote in my review, I am convinced of the gross injustice in the Rosenberg trial. The behaviour of the judge, especially in everything pertaining to the sentencing of the defendants, was scandalous. I also believe that Ethel Rosenberg's execution was a tragedy of the highest order.

I do not share Mr. Katz' confidence in Julius Rosenberg's innocence. Quite the contrary. But that in no way detracts from the need for a full commission of inquiry into the entire case to establish, once and for all, not only the guilt or innocence of the Rosenbergs, but the exact roles of Judge Kaufman, the prosecution team, the defence lawyer, the Justice Department and the FBI.

THE COST OF ELECTRICITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — My electricity bill for December and January included IS\$415.60, payable January 17, on account of electric current to be used during the subsequent two months. This sum was deducted from my February-March bill payable on March 16.

On January 17, the US dollar was quoted as IS\$116. On March 16, the rate was IS\$146, that is a loss of approximately 20 per cent. Thus, I am forced to pay for services to be rendered in the future, have to give the I.E.C. an interest-free loan and lose money into the bargain. I believe that, in future, we should be credited not with the amount of the advance payment, but with the number of kilowatts the advance payment would have bought at the date of payment.

And speaking of advance payments, I think it would only be fair if employees of the I.E.C. "loan" their company the same advance for power to be consumed as we do. If they don't pay for their electricity, they should at least participate in part of the burden we consumers have to carry.

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